

This month leaders from State and Federal agencies have met twice to discuss the ocean disposal sites off the Southern California coast. Participating agencies were Cal EPA, the State Water Quality Control Board, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, US EPA and NOAA.

Based on recent scientific research, the participating agencies believe the legacy of waste disposal at these ocean disposal sites needs to be assessed again. The group is committed to examine and leverage our programs and resources to support this assessment.

Develop talking point on the Scripps survey – including that participating agencies have been briefed on this work by NOAA and the Scripps work will need review/assessment once it is released.

There are fourteen documented deep-water ocean disposal sites off the Southern California coast. These ocean disposal sites received chemical, refinery and other wastes from many sources between the 1930's and the 1960's.

Montrose Chemical Corporation of California arranged for the disposal of acid waste containing DDT at several of these ocean disposal sites from the late 1940's and until the early 1960's.

In the 1980's and 1990's, State and other federal agencies (NOAA and DOI) examined this disposal of acid waste containing DDT.

